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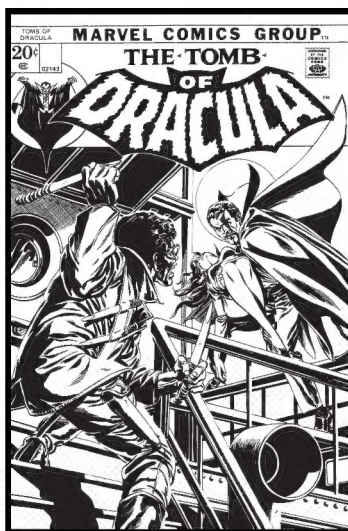
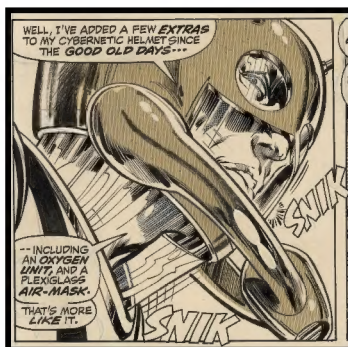
OMEGA



MARVEL REMEMBERS

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“Yet another comic legend has left us. Aside from being an incredible inker and painter, Tom was a true gentleman. He was like Obi-Wan to so many young editors and artists, freely sharing his experiences and wisdom with us all. Rest in peace, Tom.”

—C.B. CEBULSKI

Druig, the Prime Eternal, unleashed the **Hex**, giant Eternals, to attack the mutant nation of **Krakoa**, triggering war. A faction of **Eternals** opposed to Druig's plan worked together with the Avengers and the kidnapped mutant geneticist, **Mr. Sinister**. Together, they used the Avengers' headquarters, the deceased body of a Celestial, to create a new, living god--the **Progenitor**. However, once awakened, the Progenitor passed judgment upon all those on Earth and set out to destroy the planet.

The **Avengers**, **X-Men** and **Eternals** united to stop the Progenitor. In an attempt to redeem herself to the Progenitor, **Sersi** revealed to everyone on Earth that every time an Eternal is resurrected, a human dies. But the Progenitor simply killed her in response. **Ajak** then challenged the Progenitor to judge itself. Finding itself lacking, the Progenitor ceased its destruction and transferred its powers to Ajak, transforming her into **Ajak Celestia**. **Zuras** then assumed leadership of the Eternals and brokered peace with the mutants while the X-Men promised to share their resurrection protocols with worthy humans.

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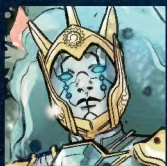
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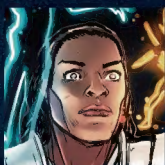
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CELESTIALS



AJAK CELESTIA

ETERNALS



MAKKARI



IKARIS



PHASTOS



KINGO



SPRITE



STARFOX



URANOS



DRUIG



ZURAS

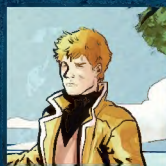


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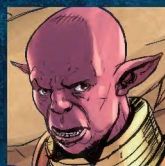


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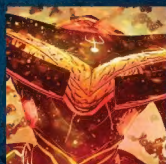
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DEVIANTS



KRO

THE HEX



SYNE
THE MEMOTAUR

CIVILIANS



SOPHIA



SALLY

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JUDGMENT DAY



THE TEMPLE OF AJAK CELESTIA.

YOU OBSERVE
MAKKARI, PRIEST OF THE
NEW WAY. SHE WRITES
IN THE TRADITIONAL
HIGH ETERNAL STYLE...

IT IS A FORM THAT
MERGES IMAGES AND
WORDS TOGETHER, IN
A PERFECT ALLOY.

TO ETERNALS, THIS
MAKES IT THE HIGHEST
OF ALL ART FORMS,
THOUGH FEW
CULTURES AGREE.

THE
PROGENITOR
STOOD AT
THE CUSP OF
DESTROYING
THE MACHINE
THAT IS
EARTH.

THE PROGENITOR
SAID THAT WE
COULD NOT CHANGE.

THEN
SERSI
REVEALED
OUR SINS
TO THE
WHOLE
WORLD,
PROVING
WE
COULD.

THEY WISHED HER DEAD. THE
PROGENITOR MADE IT SO.

SERSI WAS OUR
FIRST MARTYR.

REALIZING IT ACTED IN ERROR, IT UNDOED
ALL THE DESTRUCTION IT HAD DONE
SINCE IT RULED THE WORLD WICKED.

IN THE PROCESS, IT
CONSUMED ITSELF. IT
TURNED TO THE PRIEST
AJAK FOR APPROVAL.

AJAK REJECTED
IT. THE GOD WAS
NO GOD. THE
GOD HAD FAILED.

THE NOT-GOD AGREED
AND TURNED TO HER AND,
WITH ITS FINAL BREATH,
MADE **HER** A GOD.

SHE WOULD
SET HER
PEOPLE FREE.

ARE YOU
FINISHED?

I AM.
JUDGMENT DAY--
THE FIRST BOOK OF
AJAK CELESTIA IS
COMPLETE, MY GOD.

WHAT WILL THE
SECOND BE?



HERESY.

PRIME ETERNAL DAILY PRIMER #3,652,616,836

I have resumed my position as Prime Eternal. I will be clearing up this mess as quickly as possible.

- Eros is a true Eternal and is to be treated as such. His position is Pope-Minister for Change. He will be advising me during this period.
- The secret of resurrection is no longer a secret. All plans to make it a secret again are rejected. Our name is bad enough without any half-thought-out brainwashing schemes. It's likely their civilization will collapse in a few thousand years at most and they'll forget again. We can wait.
- We are in a state of alliance with the Krakoan and Arakkii "mutants," with various specific promises. Any Eternals acting against them, for any reason, will be Excluded. This is especially directed at the Tricks. I have seen you eyeing mysterium. No. Absolutely not.
- Similarly, we have reparations to make to the human governments. This includes access to energy sources and certain technology. The latter is their greed: They won't be able to understand anything. The former is acceptable: We can spare a little clean energy to people who can't even reliably create fusion.
- Key idea: We have made mistakes here. We must be better.
- Druig has been Excluded. I told you so.
- Ajak's theses are self-admitted heresies. Anyone who follows her places themselves outside our society, and if their actions interfere with our principles, they will be captured and Excluded.
- The Machine was reset in the process of saving the planet. The changes were not reversed by the Celestial, presumably because it was the action of Phastos, not an act by its own hand. This is for the best: It does seem to have cleared up some of the recent bugs.

That's all. Get to work.

Zuras, Prime Eternal

NEW YORK.

I...DON'T
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT IT.

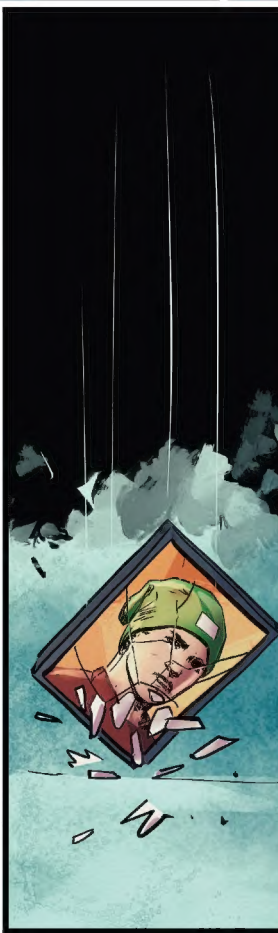
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YET...

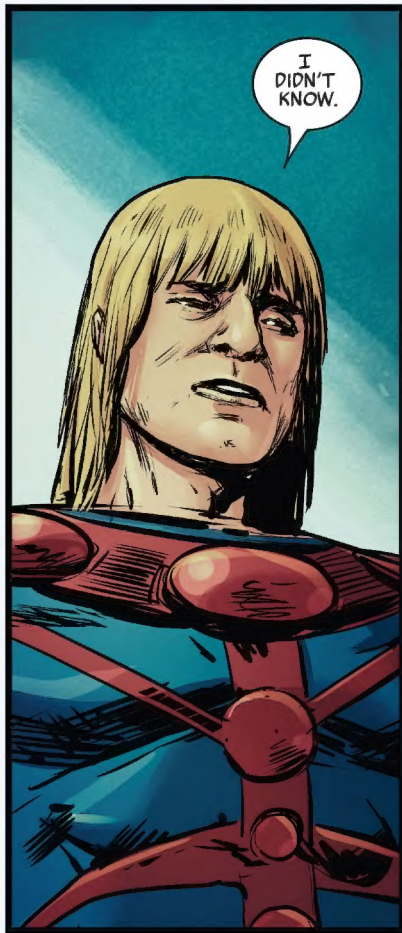
...IT'S TOO BIG
TO EVEN THINK
ABOUT. TOBY MUST
HAVE...BEEN
ONE OF THE
DEATHS.

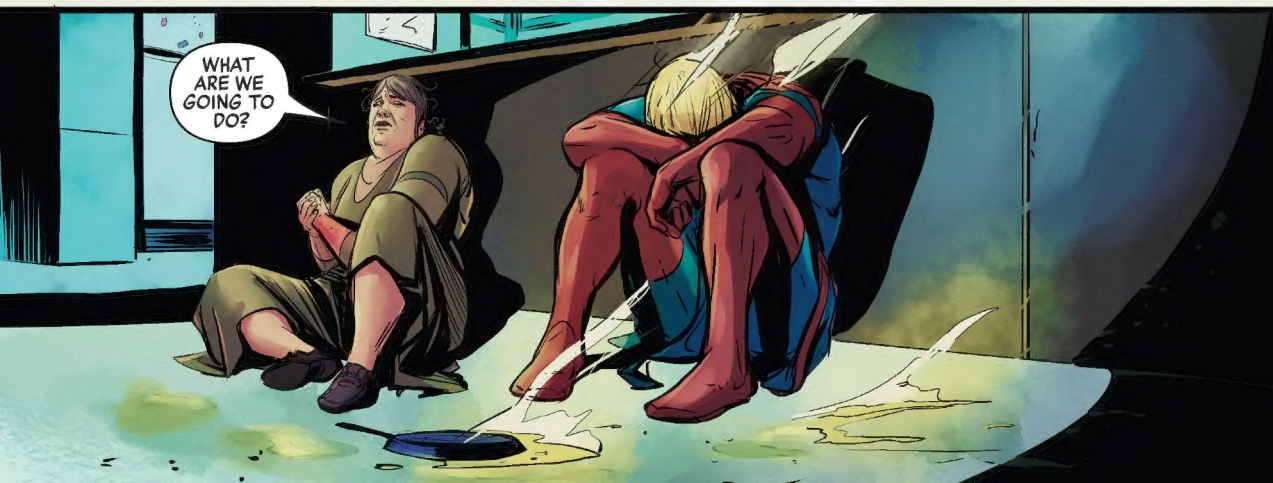
TAKEN
BY THEM.
KILLED.
I...

RRRNG

I HAVE
TO GO.







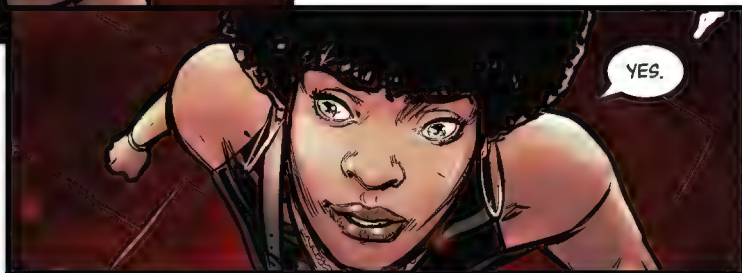
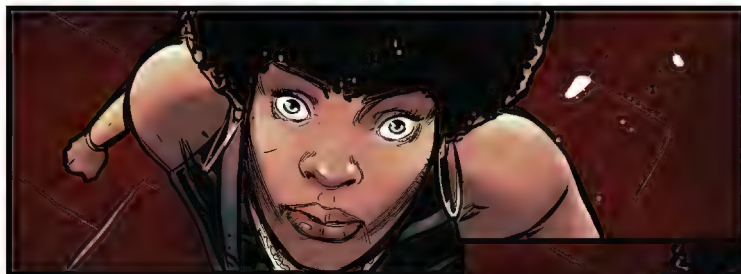




IT IS. AND IF I AM EVER RELEASED, I WILL LIKELY DO IT AGAIN. I HOPE THIS IS THE LAST THE WORLD HAS SEEN OF ME AND MY SISTERS.

WHILE WE STAY IN STORAGE, I WILL WRITE LAMENTS FOR ALL I HAVE SEEN AND DONE.

...IF I AM UNLEASHED AGAIN, MAY I SHARE THE POEMS WITH YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN OR YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN?



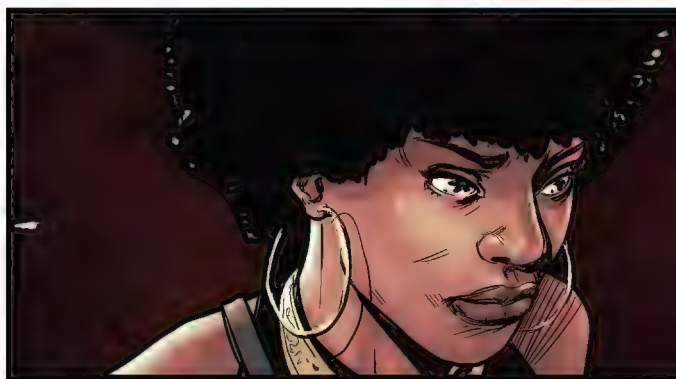
YES.



I MUST GO. I AM CAUSING PANIC, AND PRIMITIVE JET PLANES ARE LAUNCHING IN MY DIRECTION.

IF I AM UNLEASHED, I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR ZINE. I THINK IT WILL BE EXCELLENT.

IT WAS GOOD TO BE YOUR FRIEND, BUT BRIEFLY.



SALLY

"Write what you know."

What do you write when you know skyscraper-sized poet-destroyers?

MEMOTAUR:

You just write.

THE TEMPLE OF AJAK CELESTIA.

ARE YOU
JOINING US,
EROS?

NO, PHASTOS. I
WANTED TO APOLOGIZE IN PERSON.
I NEED TO WORK WITH ZURAS. I
AM TO SAVE OUR WHOLE PEOPLE.
I CAN'T JUST ABANDON THEM.

PLUS,
MY PARENTS
NEED TO BE FREED.
PERHAPS A NEW
TITAN? WE'LL SEE.

IT IS UP TO *YOU* LOT
TO PROVE THIS NEW WAY CAN
WORK. I WISH YOU LUCK. IF
YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE THERE...

...BUT I HAVE
TO BE HONEST. *SHE*
SCARES THE LIVING
HELL OUT OF ME.

SHE
SCARES
ME TOO...YET
STILL I'M HERE,
FILLING OUT
THE CROWD
SCENE.

NOW *YOU*
BE HONEST,
PHASTOS.

DO YOU
THINK WE
HAVE A SHOT
TO CHANGE
ANYTHING?

HMMM...

...SERSI IS
DEAD. THE
MACHINE
CAN'T
RETURN
HER.

THAT ALONE
SHOULD HAVE
DESTABILIZED IT
AND LED TO THE
DESTRUCTION OF
THE PLANET.

IT
HASN'T.

THAT IS A
MIRACLE AND
CHANGE ENOUGH
TO BEGIN
WITH...

...AND
WE CAN
HOPE FOR
MORE.

I ALSO
HOPED FOR
MORE...


...NO
GILGAMESH OR THE
FORGOTTEN?

THEY
CANNOT LET GO
OF VENGEANCE. THEY
WOULD CONTINUE
TO POLICE THE
ETERNALS.

THEY DON'T
TRUST ANY
CELESTIAL.

GOOD. IT IS
POSSIBLE TO HAVE
TOO MUCH FAITH IN AN
UNPROVEN GOD. THEY
SHOULD WATCH
ME CLOSELY.

YOU ALL
SHOULD.



SERSI WAS
A MARTYR...AND
A DEEPLY FLAWED
VESSEL. THAT IS
THE POINT.

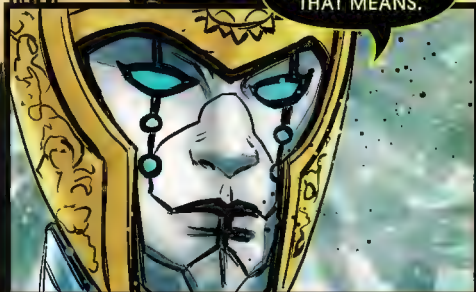
WE WERE
NOT MADE
PERFECT. WE WERE
JUST MADE
ETERNAL.

IF **SHE** COULD
TRANSCEND HER
NATURE, WE LIVE IN
HOPE OF A SIMILAR
MIRACLE
FOR US.

I MUST
BE A BETTER
GOD.

YOU MUST
BE BETTER
ETERNALS.

WE WILL
DISCOVER WHAT
THAT MEANS.



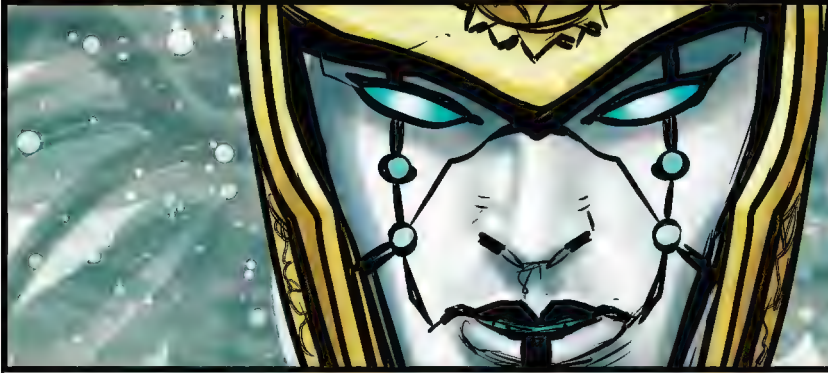
SO...
WHAT DO
WE ACTUALLY
HAVE TO **DO**,
OH, BIG, FANCY,
SPARKLY NEW
GOD?



THE
HUMANS
HATE US AND
RIGHTLY.
SO.

WE OWE
THEM OUR
LIVES. THEY
SHALL HAVE
THEM.

OUR
EXISTENCE IS
PENANCE. WALK
AMONG THEM.
KNOW THEM.



IT IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
FOLLOW THE
PRINCIPLES, MY
HERETICS...

AJAK CELESTIA'S THESES ON THE PRINCIPLES

In his famous work, Uranos described us as cowards, hiding from the principles' true implications. I would disagree. His was an act of sophism, claiming to know the mind of god. However, his sophism is something we all share, to a greater or lesser degree. We have viewed the principles as the wholeness of our purpose. They are simply limitations, which we have spun into philosophy.

Watch as I do so too.

PROTECT CELESTIALS:

We are unable to attack Celestials--and, yes, you would be unable to attack me. This is them simply trying to prevent us acting against them.

However, if we look at Judgment Day, we realize: We should also protect Celestials from themselves. That Celestials can be foul is one reason I am trying to free us.

PROTECT THE MACHINE:

The Machine is the system of Eternals, of the machine, of the planet. This means that we are all a society. We should protect one another.

CORRECT EXCESS DEVIATION:

We must physiologically act to remove a dangerous predator from the environment. This teaches us that we should protect the weak from the dangerous.

YOU HAVE 24 HOURS TO JUSTIFY YOURSELF:

The principle burned into us by the mad god of judgment.
But there is a lesson even here.

Every day matters, and we should act like it.

We should act where we can, as often as we can.

IN CONCLUSION:

My heresy: The principles are not enough.

I cannot free us from them, not yet.

One day, I will. We can work to get there together.

Until then, join me.

**ABOVE ALL,
BE PRINCIPLED.**

THE EXCLUSION.

REPEAT
THAT,
ZURAS...

...I
COULDN'T HEAR
YOU OVER DRUG'S
SCREAMING.

AS PART OF
THE PEACE TREATY,
THE ARAKKII--THE
MARTIAN MUTANTS--WILL
HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR...
GIFTS FOR AN HOUR, AT A
TIME AND PLACE OF
THEIR CHOOSING.

SO...
YOU PLAN TO
LET ME OUT
AGAIN.

YOU WILL
BE IN SERVITUDE
AND BOUND TO
THOSE WHO
HATE YOU.

BUT I
WILL BE
OUT.
AND, UNTIL
THEN, I HAVE
A TOY TO
PASS THE
TIME.

THERE IS
NOTHING LIKE
A HAPPY
ENDING.

LEMURIA.

So, you're moving out of our glorious, thriving metropolis?

YES. IT IS SAFER FOR YOU ALL...BUT WE'LL BE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US. THAT'S PART OF OUR PENANCE TOO.

...WHAT'S THAT NOISE? IT'S STRANGE. BEAUTIFUL, BUT STRANGE...

It's prayer.

It's a new fashion among us now. It is awful to be loved by a god. It gives us funny ideas.

Like a new god who can save us all...

Do you think Ajak will end the curse? Free us from the Excess Deviation?

YES, IF SHE CAN FIND A WAY. AND IF NOT, WE WILL, EVENTUALLY.

YOU HAVE MY WORD. I WILL NOT REST. MY LIFE EXISTS TO SERVE.

Heh. Always so serious, Thena. You may wish to change, but don't change that.

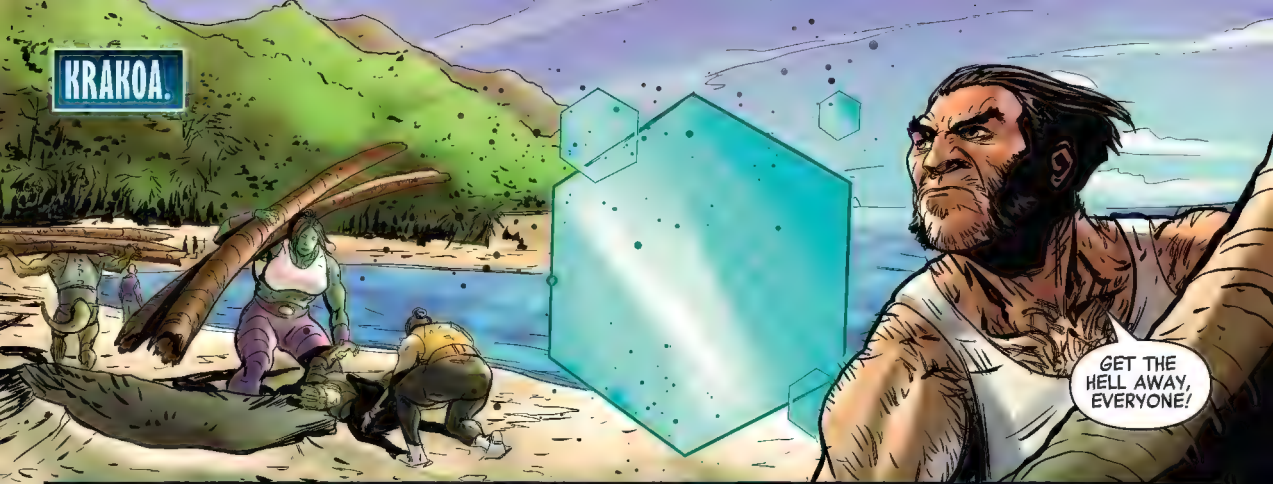
Your sincerity is part of your charm.

SO, UNLIKE SERSI.

DID YOU LOVE HER?



KRAKOA.



GET THE HELL AWAY, EVERYONE!



WE GOT ANOTHER DAMN VISITOR.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

YOU DO KNOW ETERNALS AREN'T EXACTLY POPULAR AROUND HERE.



WE'RE NOT POPULAR ANYWHERE, AND RIGHTLY SO.

I AM A LOWLY HERETIC. I AM ON PILGRIMAGE AND A PENANCE.

I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM ONE OLD FRIEND TO ANOTHER.



THE MACHINE THAT IS EARTH WIPED ITS MIND. THE BEING IT WAS IS GONE.

BUT IT LEFT A MESSAGE FOR KRAKOA.



PLEASE
ADD MY OWN
SYMPATHIES.

I THINK OF
MY OWN LOSSES.
MEN I HAVE HELD AND
TIME HAS TAKEN
FROM ME.

IT
IS NOT
EASY.

I UNDERSTAND.
LET ME READ...

OH.

THANK
YOU.



WHAT DID
IT SAY?

IT'S
COMPLICATED.

CELESTIALS
ARRIVED ON
EARTH A MILLION
YEARS AGO...

THEY
TRANSFORMED
HUMANS INTO
ETERNALS AND
DEVIANTS, USING
THEM AS
TEMPLATES.

THEY ALSO CREATED
THE MACHINE ITSELF.
THEY LOOKED FOR AN
INSPIRATION FOR A HUGE
SENTIENT SYSTEM THAT
RUNS THROUGH THE
VERY PLANET...



...AND THEY
FOUND A LIVING
ISLAND, ALREADY HERE.
THEY USED IT AS THE
TEMPLATE FOR THE
MACHINE.

WHAT
DID THE
MESSAGE
SAY?

"GOODBYE,
MOMMY/DADDY/
SELF/OTHER."





COME IN. AND DON'T ASK AGAIN.

YES, YOU CAN STAY, IKARIS. I NEED A LODGER.



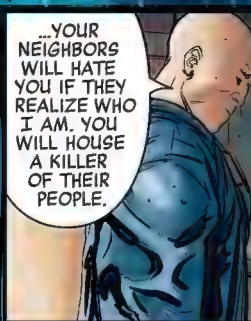
I DO HAVE A SPARE ROOM.

GOD, NO. NOT HIS.

THAT WOULD BE WEIRDER. WEIRDER THAN THIS, EVEN.



THANK YOU, SOPHIA ROBSON OF EARTH. BUT...



...YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL HATE YOU IF THEY REALIZE WHO I AM. YOU WILL HOUSE A KILLER OF THEIR PEOPLE.

THEN DON'T LET THEM FIND OUT. AND @#% THEM IF THEY DO. WE ALL DEAL WITH GRIEF IN OUR OWN WAY.

MAYBE ME SEEING YOU DOING STUFF WILL HELP. GIVE IT A REASON. MEANING. I DON'T KNOW.



SO... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

IT IS SIMPLE...



"...EVERYTHING
I CAN."

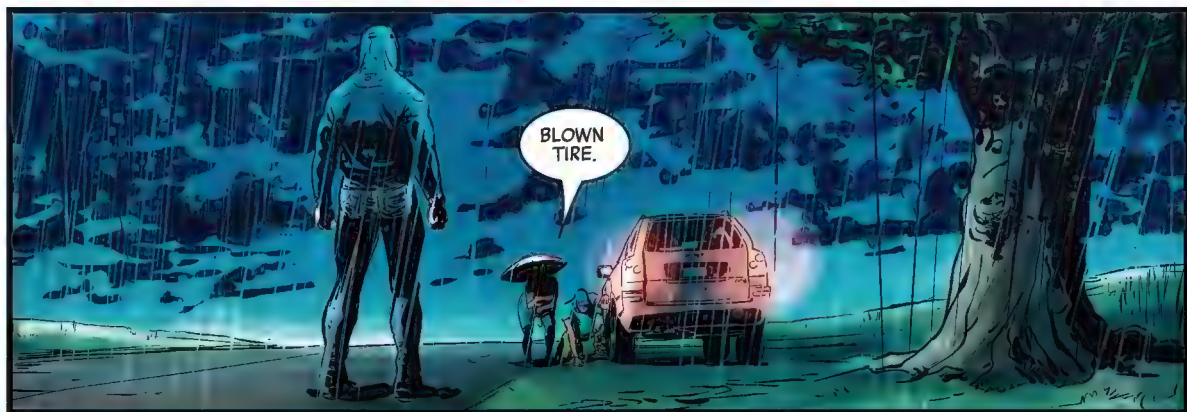
Σ%ε%!



PLEASE
SAY THAT
YOU REPLACED
THE SPARE.

I CAN
SAY IT, BUT IT
WON'T MAKE IT
APPEAR...

IS THERE A
PROBLEM?



BLOWN
TIRE.



AH.



I HAVE
ONE HERE.
LET ME HELP.
GO GET IN
SHELTER.

THERE IS
NO NEED FOR
US ALL TO
GET WET.





THEY PROTECT YOU.

IF THEY DIE, THEY KILL YOU.

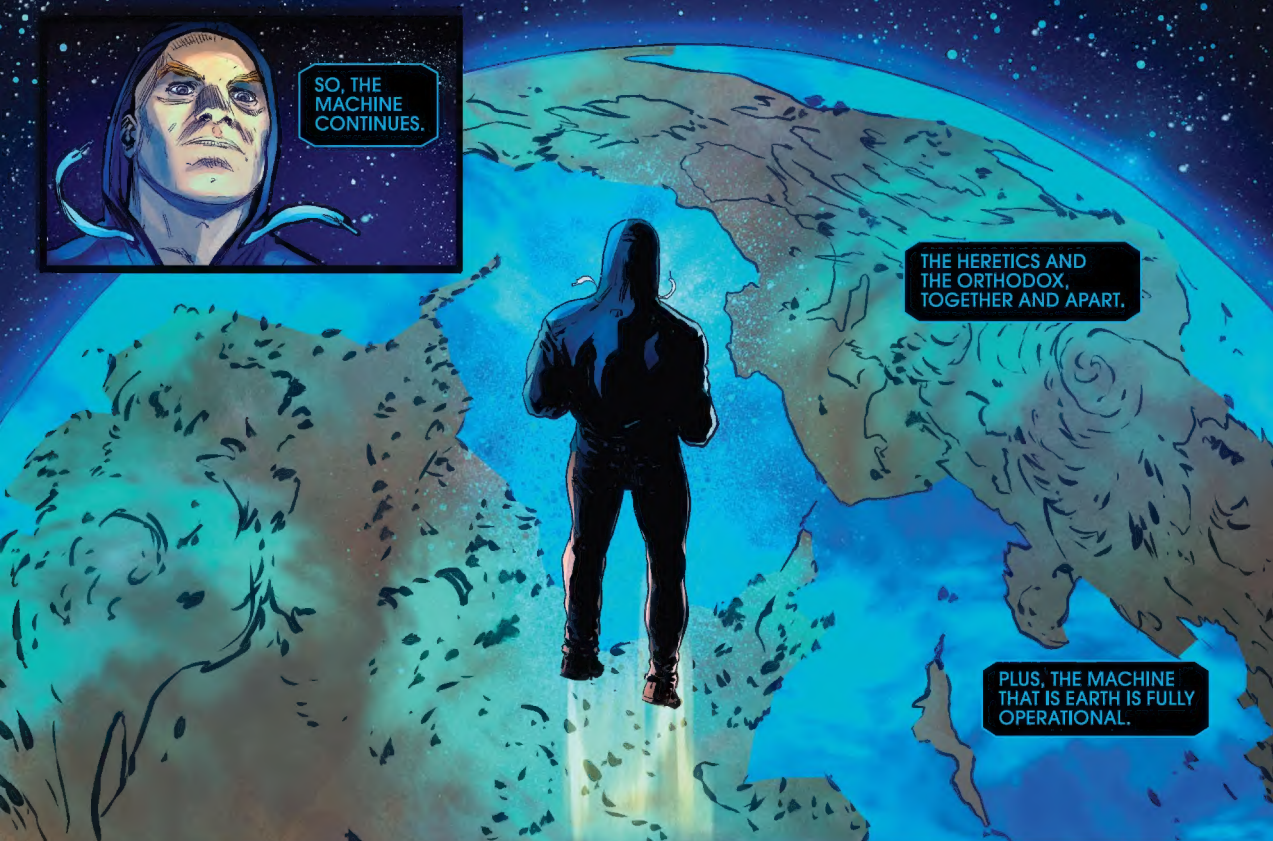
THEY ARE ETERNAL...

...AND AMONG THE THINGS THAT ARE ETERNAL...

...IS SHAME.



SO, THE
MACHINE
CONTINUES.



THE HERETICS AND
THE ORTHODOX,
TOGETHER AND APART.

PLUS, THE MACHINE
THAT IS EARTH IS FULLY
OPERATIONAL.



NO
MALFUNCTION
REMAINS.



END.

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